

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 17, 2007

PLACE: West Lafayette Board of Works Room

PRESENT:	Bob Bauman	Chris Pekny
	Dave Buck	Gil Satterly
	Dave Christian	Kumares Sinha
	David Downey	Boudewijn van Gelder
	Carrie Ehresman	John Walker
	Bernadette Farris	

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	JoAnn Noe
	Wendy Field	Karen O'Farrell
	Scott Mills	Natalie Villwock

Chairman Sinha determined there was quorum and called the meeting to order. Mr. Satterly made a motion to re-nominate Mr. Sinha as Chairman of the Traffic Commission. Mr. Downey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

07-01 Neighborhood Permit Parking Request - Littleton Street

The Engineering Department has received a request from a Littleton Street resident to add a portion of Littleton Street into the Neighborhood Permit Parking (NPP) Zone 1 program. This section includes the east and west sides of Littleton Street, from Lutz to Stadium. A petition has been circulated, and 12 of the 23 affected properties are in support of becoming part of the NPP Zone 1. This fulfills the city ordinance requirement of 51% neighborhood support.

Mr. Buck read a letter from Mr. Green, a resident of Littleton Street, who is opposed to this change in parking. Mr. Green feels that adding Littleton Street to the parking program only minimally addresses the parking problems on his street, while subjecting the residents to the inconvenience of purchasing and maintaining parking stickers. Mr. Green would like to see the city address the underlying issue of the effect of Purdue's increasing enrollment on the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Chairman Sinha asked if any Littleton residents would like to comment. Mr. Mills stated that the number of signatures on the petition reflects the neighborhood support for the inclusion of Littleton Street into the NPP program. Based on his observations, Mr. Mills feels that most of the parking Littleton is from rental residents and their guests. He is hopeful that the implementation of the parking program may encourage individuals to park in their driveways.

Mr. Bauman made a motion to add Littleton Street, from Lutz to Stadium, into NPP Zone 1. Due to the closeness of the percentages, and the time of year, it was recommended implementation of this change be delayed until August 31, 2007. Mr. Satterly seconded, and with Mrs. Ehresman opposing, the motion passed. The commission requested Mr. Buck will reply to Mr. Green's letter, and the Engineering department will notify residents of this change in parking.

07-02 Police Department Grant Announcement

Deputy Chief Walker announced that the West Lafayette Police Department has been awarded a \$1,800.00 grant from the Kiwanis organization for the purpose of purchasing eight lighted, flashing crossing-guard signs.

07-03 2007 Administrative Items

Mr. Buck distributed a list of meeting dates for 2007. After discussion, the July 2007 and December 2007 meetings were cancelled. The quorum requirements were reviewed, and it was discussed that a new West Lafayette Community School Corporation representative is needed. Mr. Barnes' term expired in 2004. Several commission members agreed to contact possible representatives that may be interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

00-19 Lindberg Road

Mr. Buck updated the Commission on the status of Lindberg Road. Mr. Buck is preparing a "Request for Quotes" to obtain samples from eight locations to determine if the fill material meets the specifications. Mr. Buck stated that the pilings are working, but the fill layer is not able to transmit the loads of the road without shifting. Mr. Buck stated they hope to collect the samples between April and June.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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